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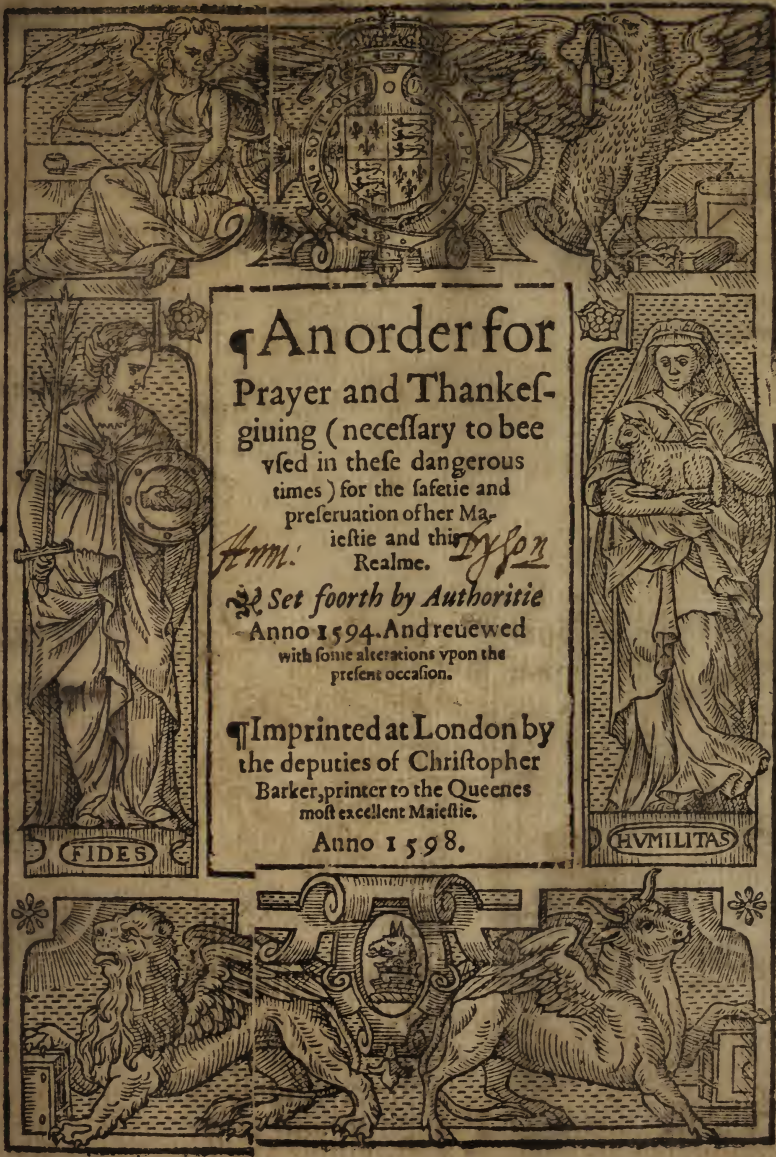

¶An order for Prayer and Thankesgiuing (neceſſary to bee vſed in theſe dangerous times) for the ſafetie and preſeruation of her Maieſtie and this Realme.

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¶ An admonition to the Reader.

Here haue bene ſundry, but heathen men, (as *Plato* and others) being no better inſtructed then the lame reach of reaſon could guide them, nor any clearer enlightened, then by the dimmed glimpſe of nature, who neuertheleſſe arriued thus farre, as to know and acknowledge that God, who is aboue all, extendeth his carefull prouidence ouer all, and eſpecially in preſeruation of kingdomes, and of other politique ſocieties, and of their Gouernours and Rulers. *For that which may be knowen of God, is manifeſt* (ſaith Saint Paul) *among them: for God hath opened it vnto them. For his inuiſible things being vnderſtood by his workes through the creation of the worlde, are ſeene: that is, both his eternall power and Godhead, ſo that they are without excuſe.* Then how much more muſt all Chriſtians, to whom the *Day-ſtarre* hath in greater brightneſſe and meaſure appeared, and the treaſures of *God* the Father in his Sonne *Chriſt Ieſu* bene opened, acknowledge this his prouidence, and reuerently adore and magnifie that good *God*, which to the heape of all other his mercies towards them, addeth this bleſſing and protection of *Magiſtracie* and gouernment, whereby men liue peaceably with all honeſtie in this life? Rom. 1. 19, 20.

But if euer any Nation, yea if all the nations in the world beſides, haue cauſe with thankefulneſſe to acknowledge this kinde of benefite, ſurely, we the people of *England* haue moſt iuſt and abundant occaſion of all others, to performe this duetie vnto God. Firſt, for placing ouer vs our moſt gratious dread Soueraigne Lady *Queene Elizabeth*, by whoſe happie gouernment wee haue ſo long breathed from the burden of intolerable miſeries of *ſcarcitie*, *bloodſhed*, and ſpirituall *bondage*, vnder which afore we lay grouelong, and pitifully groned. Then, for preſeruing theſe her Realmes and Dominions ſo long in the true profeſſion of the Goſpel, and in peace and tranquillitie, notwithſtanding the ſundry priuie conſpiracies and open hoſtilities practiſed both inward and outward for the interruption of our quiet repoſe and holy profeſſion. Thirdly, for protecting ſo long and ſo often her ſacred Royal perſon from the cruel and bloodie handes of ſuch and ſo many ſeuerall deteſtable and treacherous Conſpirators. And likewiſe for the Lords prouident and watchfull eye ouer her and vs, and for the wonderfull happie diſcoueries of ſo manifold cruel deſignements ſo cloſely plotted againſt her innocent life, and ſo dangerouſly againſt her *Highneſſe* Realmes and dominions. Which miſchieuous deuiſes as they haue all flowed from none other fountaine, then from that Citie of ſeuen hilles, the *See* of *Rome*, and ſent of the *Beaſt*, not in regard of any deſert of ours, but becauſe wee haue abandoned the cup of ſpirituall abominations, wherewith theſe haue long intoxicated the Kings of the earth: So haue they bene continually proiected, caried forward, and managed by idolatrous *Prieſtes* and *Ieſuites* his creatures, the very loathſome *Locuſts* that crawle out of the bottomleſſe

Apoc. 13. and 17.

bottomlesse pitte. Howbeit they haue bene and are mightily seconded by certaine *Potentates* of the earth, who doe nothing els but serue themselues of that idolatrous *Romish religion*, as of a Maske and stalking horse, therewith to couer the vnsatiable ambition wherewith they are possessed of vsurping other mens *kingdomes*. For if we will first particularly cast our eyes vpon the variable conspiracies that haue bene entred into but against her Highnesse Realmes: shall we not finde that treason of the two *Pooles*, of *Felton*, and of the late Duke of *Northfolke*, of *Throgmorton*, of *Englefield*, of *Paget*, of *Shelley*, and *Stanley*, and *Yorke*, and of all the Seminarie *Priestes* and *Iesuites*, to haue bene tickled vp by Romish busles and practises, and to haue bene caried forward by their owne grosse dotage vpon that absurd Religion?

As for those other attempts against her dominions, which haue not staied themselues in the bare termes of conspiracie onely, but haue also broken further into open rebellion & hostilitie: they likewise haue no lesse bene blowen vp by that brood of *Massing Priests* being vnnaturall subiects (for the most part) of these *kingdoms*. For was not *Moreton* a priest sent from the *Popes* owne side to stirre vp the two Erles and others vnto the Northren rebellion? Did not *Sanders* second his bookish treasons euen with banner displayed, and by commotion in *Ireland*? And doeth not that *carnal archtraitor Allen* proclaime to the world vnto his owne euerlasting reproch, that he and others excited the king of *Spaines* inuincible *Nauie* (vainly so surnamed) by inuasion to haue conquered his owne natiue countrey, and to haue swalowed vs all vp? And those vnnaturall and disloyall defections in *Ireland*, which turned eft-

soones into violent commotions, and in the ende brast out into open rebellion, and that cruell bloodshed wherewith that countrey is now so sorely afflicted and gored, arose they not from the irreption of those vndermining vermine the *Priests* & *Iesuites* couertly sent in, first alienating the minds of true subiects from their *Prince*, and the faith of sound professors from religion, and then inciting and perswading them to this open hostilitie and crueltie? Yea, and in all those their latter hidden, hellish and damnable designes against her Maiesties owne person and life, such *Priests* haue also bene the principall stirrers and agents vnder their vnholy father. *Somerfield* and *Arden*, were not they drawen into that actiō by *Hall* the priest? *Parry* by Cardinal *Como*, & by certaine English fugitiue priests at *Millaine* and *Paris*, and also by *Allens* traiterous writings? *Babington* and all the other bloodie conspirators his complices by *Ballard* the priest? So *Lopez* his late purposed empoisoning is sayd to haue bene first plotted and set forward in *Spaine* by *Parsons* the *Iesuite* Frier. And *Patrick o Cullen*, *Laton*, *Kale*, *Poule Wheele*, and sundry others very lately were animated by *Holt*, *Hart*, *Sherewood* and other priests the detestable instruments of the Bish. of *Rome*, and of the king of *Spaines* most dishonorable intended executions.

BVt that which passeth the rest & may be an effectuall motiue to worke in all Christian hearts, a sounder deuotion of thankfulnesse to our God, & a greater detestation of that blood-sucking *Romish Antichrist*, with his whole swarme of shauelings, was that dreadful attempt of *Squire*, being appointed not onely quite to extinguish

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extinguish one of the bright starres of our Nobilitie, the Erle of *Essex*, euen in the time of that his great imploiment for the Realme and State; but withall, which we her true subiects doe tremble at to remember, vtterly to quench the light of *Israel*, & by poison to make away our *Soueraign Prince*, both which, he to his power, executed aswel on her Maiesties Saddle, as the Erle his Chaire, by a confection so strong, that the very smell thereof did presently strike dead a Dog, vpon which he first had tried it. To which horrible practise, the sayd *Squire* in his voluntarie confession, without any torture at all, professed that he was first incited, and afterward at seuerall times perswaded, and appearing somewhat backward, at last encouraged by one *Walpoole* a cursed *Iebusite* (*Iesuite* I should say) both by a blasphemous applicatiō or rather detortion of that excellent Scripture, *Vnum necessarium:* One thing is necessarie, as if our Sauiour by that *One*, had ment the treasonable slaughter of his *Holy ones*: as also by a promise of a large Fee from D. *Bagshaw* the Popes *Iudas* or pursebearer as it seemeth, and withall the hope of eternall merite from God, as if with such bloody sacrifices of Christian princes, God were promerited, to vse their owne worde, Rhem. testa. *Heb.13.16.* and in the end armed with the confection it selfe from *Walpoole* to effect it throughly, and adiured by receiuing the Sacrament, to performe it secretly. These and many other complots wee see how desperately they haue bene attempted, yet (thanked be God) are not atchieued: how perillously plotted, but are not perfected: how secretly deuised, yet most happily hitherto discouered, and this last attempt most strangely reuealed, their owne consciences, like the *Midianites* Iudg.7.22. swordes, mutually disbowelling their owne secret conspiracies.

ſpiracies . For *Walpoole* hauing receiued intelligence that *Squire* being in the Erles companie, had fit opportunitie to execute it, yet the purpoſe not effected; in an affrighted mind fearing that *Squire* had of himſelfe reuealed it, and yet with a miſchieuous deuiſe more diueliſhly to acte it, addreſſed ouer one *Stanly* and others, to detect the plot and deſignment of *Squire*, by which maske of Diſcouerie an eaſier entrie being made for the ſayd *Stanly* into the Erles affection and companie, hee might more ſafely and with leſſe ſuſpicion execute and effect the intended villanie . So that it may aptly bee verified, that her Maieſties life hath all this while bene ſuſtained *in manu altiſſimi*, and that vnder the ſhadow of his wings ſhe hath not miſcaried: & that the ſacred oile wherewith he hath annointed her royall maieſtie, is a ſoueraigne Antidote and preſeruatiue againſt all the venemous infections, or empoiſoning confections, whether *Romiſh* or *Spaniſh*.

All which whoſoeuer hee bee that will attentiuely weigh and conſider, and cannot ſee the very finger of God mightily working herein by his prouidence and mercy, no doubt hee is inſenſibly blockiſh: who ſeeth and will not acknowledge it, is wilfully malicious: but who acknowledgeth and alſo taſteth of the ſweet bleſſings that are enioyed thereby, and is not moſt heartily thankful to God therefore, is extremely impious, and doeth but adde this vngratefulneſſe vnto the maſſe of all his other wickedneſſe, euen vnto his owne greater damnation. Let euery of vs therefore who haue good will to *Sion*, turne from our wicked wayes, and from the euil that is betwixt our hands, and inceſſantly with heart and voyce yeeld moſt humble and heartie thanks

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to God our deliuerer. But let it not be for a day or two onely, whiles the intended wound doeth (as it were) present it selfe fresh and greene before the eyes of our mindes; but continually, euen so long as we may iustly imagine the same deuil in his impes still to rage and to be prest to deuoure vs; so long as *our habitation is amongst the Tents of Mesech,* and our *soules amongst Lions, who hunt after our liues,* and doe greedily seeke to *giue our Dearling to the dog, and to lay our honour in the dust:* to the intent, that (if it be so Gods good wil) our ioy may long and long bee redoubled and trebled vnto vs vnder the happy gouernment of so gracious a *Soueraigne.* Which our bounden duetie that it may the more frequently and fruitfully be performed of vs; it hath bene thought meete to publish this forme of prayer for the cõtinuance of Gods mercies towards vs, and of thanksgiuing for his vnspeakeable goodnesse in detecting so many conspiracies, and auerting so great mischiefs intended against vs. Which duetie of praying and thanksgiuing there is no doubt, but euery true hearted *English man* and faithfull *Subiect*, will both priuately and publikely from the bottome of his heart performe.

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Prayers.

Psalme 20.

THE Lorde heare thee in the day of trouble: the name of the God of Jacob defend thee.

2 Send thee help from the Sanctuarie: and strength thee out of Sion.

3 Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt sacrifice.

4 Graunt thee thy hearts desire: and fulfill all thy minde.

5 We will reioyce in thy saluation, and triumph in the name of the Lorde our God: the Lorde perfourme all thy petitions.

6 Nowe know I that the Lorde helpeth his anoynted, and will heare him from his holy heauen: euen with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

7 Some

7 Some put their truſt in Charets, and ſome in Horſes: but We wil remember the name of the Lord our God.

8 They are brought downe and fallen: but We are riſen, and ſtand vpright.

9 Saue Lord, and heare vs, O King of heauen: When We call vpon thee.

Pſalme 21.

THe King ſhall reioyce in thy ſtrength, O Lord: exceeding glad ſhall he bee of thy ſaluation.

2 Thou haſt giuen him his hearts deſire: and haſt not denied him the requeſt of his lips.

3 For thou ſhalt preuent him with the bleſſings of goodneſſe: and ſhalt ſet a crowne of pure golde vpon his head.

4 He aſked life of thee, and thou gaueſt him a long life: euen for euer and euer.

5 His honour is great in thy ſaluation: glorie and great Worſhip ſhalt thou lay vpon him.

6 For thou ſhalt giue him euerlaſting felicitie: and make him glad with the ioy of thy countenance.

7 And why? becauſe the king putteth

his truſt in the Lorde: and inthe mercie of the moſt higheſt, he ſhal not miſcarie.

8 All thine enemies ſhal feele thy hand: thy right hand ſhall finde out them that hate thee.

9 Thou ſhalt make them like a fierie ouen in time of thy Wrath: the Lord ſhal deſtroy them in his diſpleaſure, and the fire ſhal conſume them.

10 Their fruite ſhalt thou roote out of the earth: and their ſeede from among the children of men.

11 For they intended miſchiefe againſt thee: and imagined ſuch a deuice as they are not able to performe.

12 Therefore ſhalt thou put them to flight: and the ſtrings of thy bowe ſhalt thou make ready againſt the face of thē.

13 Be thou exalted Lord in thine own ſtrength: ſo will Wee ſing and praiſe thy power.

Pſalme 27.

THE Lorde is my light and my ſaluation, Whome then ſhall I feare: the Lord is the ſtrength of my life, of whom then ſhall I be afraide:

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2 When the Wicked (euen mine enemies and my foes) came vpon me to eate vp my flesh: they stumbled and fell.

3 Though an hoste of men were laide against me, yet shall not my heart bee afraid: and though there rose vp warre against me, yet Wil I put my trust in him.

4 One thing haue I desired of the Lord, which I wil require: euen that I may dwel in the house of the Lord al the daies of my life, to behold the faire beautie of the Lord, and to visit his Temple.

5 For in the time of trouble he shal hide me in his Tabernacle: yea, in the secrete place of his dwelling shall hee hide me, and set me vp vpon a rocke of stone.

6 And now shal he lift vp mine head: aboue mine enemies round about me.

7 Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladnesse: I wil sing & speake praises vnto the Lord.

8 Hearken vnto my voyce, O Lorde, when I cry vnto thee: haue mercie vpon me, and heare me.

9 My heart hath talked of thee, seeke ye my face: thy face, Lord, wil I seeke.

10 O hide not thou thy face from mee:

nor cast thy seruant away in displeasure.

11 Thou hast beene my succour: leaue me not, neither forsake me, O God of my saluation.

12 When my father and my mother forsake me: the Lord taketh me vp.

13 Teach me thy way, O Lorde: and leade mee in the right way, because of mine enemies.

14 Deliuer me not ouer into the will of mine aduersaries: for there are false witnesses risen vp against me, and such as speake wrong.

15 I should vtterly haue fainted: but that I beleeue verily to see the goodnes of the Lord in the land of the liuing.

16 O tary thou the Lords leasure: be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart, an put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Psalme 31.

IN thee, O Lorde, haue I put my trust: let mee neuer be put to confusion, deliuer mee in thy righteousnesse.

2 Bow downe thine eare to me: make haste to deliuer me.

3 And bee thou my strong rocke, and the

the house of defence: that thou mayest saue me.

4 For thou art my strong rocke, and my castel: be thou also my guide, & leade me for thy Names sake.

5 Draw mee out of the net that they haue laid priuily for me: for thou art my strength.

6 Into thy handes I commend my spirite: for thou hast redeemed mee, O Lord, thou God of trueth.

7 I haue hated them that hold of superstitious vanities: and my trust hath bene in the Lord.

8 I will bee glad and reioyce in thy mercie: for thou hast considered my trouble, and hast knowen my soule in aduersities.

9 Thou hast not shut me vp into the hand of the enemie: but hast set my feete in a large roome.

10 Haue mercie vpon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: and mine eye is consumed for very heauines, yea, my soule and my body.

11 For my life is waxen old with heauinesse: and my yeeres with mourning.

12 My

12 My strength faileth me, because of mine iniquity: and my bones are consumed.

13 I became a reproofe among all mine enemies, but specially among my neighbours: and they of mine acquaintance were afraide of mee, and they that did see me without conueyed themselues from me.

14 I am cleane forgotten, as a dead man out of minde: I am become like a broken vessell.

15 For I haue heard the blaphemy of the multitude: and feare is on euery side, while they conspire together against mee, and take their counsaile to take away my life.

16 But my hope hath bene in thee, O Lord: I haue said, Thou art my God.

17 My time is in thy hand, deliuer me from the hand of mine enemies: and from them that persecute me.

18 Shew thy seruant the light of thy countenance: and saue mee for thy mercies sake.

16 Let mee not bee confounded, O Lorde, for I haue called vpon thee: let

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the vngodly be put to confusion, and bee put to silence in the graue.

20 Let the lying lippes bee put to silence: which cruelly, disdainefully, and despitefully speake against the righteous.

21 O how plentifull is thy goodnesse, which thou hast laid vp for them that feare thee: and that thou hast prepared for them that put their trust in thee, euen before the sonnes of men!

22 Thou shalt hide them priuily by thine owne presence, from the prouoking of all men: thou shalt keepe them secretly in thy Tabernacle from the strife of tongues.

23 Thanks be to the Lord: for hee hath shewed me marueilous great kindnesse in a strong citie.

24 And when I made haste, I said: I am cast out of the sight of thine eyes.

25 Neuertheless thou heardest the voyce of my prayer: when I cryed vnto thee.

26 O loue the Lord all ye his saints: for the Lorde preserueth them that are faithfull, and plenteously rewardeth

the proud doer.

27 Bee strong, and hee shall stablish your heart: all ye that put your trust in the Lord.

Psalme 33.

REioice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for it becommeth well the iust to be thankfull.

2 Praise ỹ Lord with Harp: sing Psalmes vnto him with the Lute and instrument of ten strings.

3 Sing vnto the Lorde a new song: sing prayses lustily (vnto him) with a good courage.

4 For the word of the Lord is true: and all his workes are faithfull.

5 He loueth righteousnes and iudgement: the earth is full of the goodnes of the Lord.

6 By the word of the Lord were the heauens made: and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.

7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were vpon an heape: and laieth vp the deep as in a treasure house.

8 Let all the earth feare the Lorde: stand

stand in awe of him all yee that dwell in the world.

9 For he spake, and it was done: he commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The Lorde bringeth the counsels of the heathen to nought: and maketh the deuises of the people to bee of none effect, and casteth out the counsels of Princes.

11 The counsaile of the Lord shal endure for euer: & the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation.

12 Blessed are the people whose God is the Lord Jehoua: and blessed are the folke that he hath chosen to him to be his inheritance.

13 The Lord looked downe from heauen, and beheld all the children of men: from the habitation of his dwelling he considereth all them that dwell in the earth.

14 He fashioneth al the hearts of them: and vnderstandeth all their works.

15 There is no king that can be saued by the multitude of an hoste: neither is any mightie man deliuered by much strength.

16 An horse is counted but a vaine thing to saue a man: neither shall he deliuer any man by his great strength.

17 Behold, the eye of the Lord is vpon them that feare him: and vpon them that put their trust in his mercy.

18 To deliuer their soules from death: and to feede them in the time of dearth.

19 Our soule hath patiently tarried for the Lord: for he is our helpe, and our shield.

20 For our heart shal reioyce in him: because wee haue hoped in his holie Name.

21 Let thy mercifull kindenesse (O Lord) be vpon vs: like as we do put our trust in thee.

Psalm. 91.

WHo so dwelleth vnder the defence of the most High: shall abide vnder the shadowe of the Almighty.

2 I will say vnto the Lorde, Thou art my hope and my strong holde: my God, in him wil I trust.

3 For hee shall deliuer thee from the snare

snare of the hunter: and from the noysome pestilence.

4 Hee shall defende thee vnder his wings, and thou shalt bee safe vnder his feathers: his faithfulnes and trueth shal be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not bee afraide for any terror by night: nor for the arrowe that flieth by day.

6 For the pestilence that walketh in the darknes: nor for the sickneſſe that destroyeth in the noone day.

7 A thousand shal fal beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hande: but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold; and see the reward of the vngodly.

9 For thou Lorde art my hope: thou hast set thine house of defence very high.

10 There shall no euill happen vnto thee: neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For he shall giue his Angels charge ouer thee: to keepe thee in all thy waies.

12 They shall beare thee in their hands: that thou hurt not thy foote against a stone.

13 Thou shalt goe vpon the Lion and Adder: the yong Lion and the Dragon shalt thou tread vnder thy feete.

14 Because he hath set his loue vpon mee, therefore shall I deliuer him: I shall set him vp, because he hath known my Name.

15 He shall cal vpon mee, and I will heare him: yea, I am with him in trouble, I will deliuer him, and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfie him: and shew him my saluation.

Prayers

Prayers for the preſeruation of the Queenes Maieſtie.

Almighty & euerlasting God, Creator and Gouernor of all the world, by whom Kings do beare rule, and vnder whose prouidence they are wonderfully & mightily often times protected from many fearefull dangers, by which the malice of Satan and his wicked imps do seeke to intrap them: We giue vnto thy heauenly Maieſtie moſt humble and heartie thanks, for that it hath pleaſed thee of thine infinite mercy & goodneſſe in Chriſt Jeſu ſo woonderfully to vpholde, deliuer and preſerue thine Hand-maid our moſt dread and Soueraigne Queene Elizabeth ſo many and ſundry times from the cruell and bloody trecheries of deſperate men, who addreſſe themſelues to all wickedneſſe, and at this time eſpecially, wherein her innocent life was not onely attempted, but had it not bene thy mercifull power to preuent it, much indangered by wretched traitors appointed to that purpoſe, who had perfomed as much as in them lay their wicked deſignements of impoiſoning her ſacred Maieſtie, which notwithſtanding it pleaſed thee moſt

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strangely to defeat, causing the authors thereof to be their owne betrayers, and killing the force of that strong confection prouided for her and applied. And what are we, that thou shouldest thus respect vs? or what may wee doe to requite these thy benefits, but still most humbly and from the bottome of our hearts pray and beseech thee in Christ Iesu, to continue this thine vnspeakable goodnesse towards her and this Realme, and euermore to defend and protect them. O Lord, dissipate and confound all practises, conspiracies, and treasons against her, against this Realme of England, and against the truth of thine Holy word here taught & professed: so that the whole world and all posterity may see and know how mightily with thy fatherly care and prouidence thou watchest ouer and defendest those which put their trust in thee, and that we whom thou vouchsafest these thy fauours more then ordinary, may the more deuoutly giue thanks vnto thee, and hereafter more carefully labour to serue and please thee in newnesse of life and vprightnesse of heart. Grant this (O most louing and mercifull father) for thy deare sonnes sake Iesus Christ our Lord and onely Sauior. Amen.

Another.

O Almighty and eternall God, Creator and gouernour of the whole world, vnto whom all power belongeth ouer all creatures both in heauen and earth, and by whom alone it is, that not onely all Kings and Princes do rule and gouerne

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the people committed to their charge, but are likewise by thy diuine prouidence and mighty protection defended and deliuered euen in the midst of all their perils and dangers, out of the hands of all their enemies: We yeeld vnto thee most humble and hearty thanks, for that it hath pleased thy gracious goodnes according to thine accustomed fauor towards her, still to preserue and defend thy welbeloued Hand-maide and our most gracious Queene Elizabeth from all the wicked conspiracies, traiterous attempts, and deuillish deuises, which either the forreine and professed enemies abroad, or els her most vnloyall, desperate, and rebellious subiects at home, were able at any time to deuise and practise against her. But especially (O Lord) at this time, as iust occasion is offered vnto vs all, we all euen from the bottome of our hearts praise thy holy name, and giue thee most hearty and vnfeined thanks for this thy late and most happy deliuery of her Maiesties most royall person from those desperate treasons which were most wickedly inuented and cruelly attempted against her: most humbly beseeching thee of thine infinite goodnesse and mercy, still to continue thy fatherly protection ouer her, daily to increase and multiply thy heauenly blessings and graces vpon her. Be thou euer vnto her (O Lord God of hosts) euen a strong rocke and tower of defence against the face of all her enemies, which either openly abroad, or secretly at home go about to bring her life vnto the graue, and lay her honor in the dust. Disclose their wicked counsels, & make frustrate all their deuillish practises in such sort, as that all

the world may learne and know, that there is no counsell, no wisdome, no policy against the Lord. Let them fall into the ditch which they haue digged for others, and be taken in their owne nets: but let her Maiesty (O Lord) euer escape them, that al the world may see how deare and precious in thy sight the life of this thine anointed is, who doeth not so much as imagine this euill against them that thus continually thirst after her blood, and so behold her with thine eye of pity and compassion, dayly with thy mighty power and stretched out arme so saue and deliuer her from all her enemies, preserue and keepe her as the apple of thine owne eie, & grant vnto her (O most mercifull father) a long, prosperous, and happy reigne ouer vs, and so prolong her dayes as the dayes of heauen heere vpon earth, that she may be an olde mother in Israel, and see her desire vpon al thine & her enemies, though in number neuer so many, or in power neuer so mighty. And finally, after this life, giue vnto her euerlasting life, through Iesus Christ thine only sonne, & our onely sauior.

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O Most gracious God and our most louing and mercifull father, which hast not only created vs, and all things by thy power, but hast also continued our preseruation by thy holy prouidence, therein working wonderfully, reuealing things hidden and secret, as thou doest discouer the bottomes and foundations of the deepe: that though our foes haue taken wicked counsels together, saying,

saying, None shalbe able to espie it: yet thou hast opened them, and brought them out of darknesse into light: for thou art God alone which destroyest the wisedome of the wise, and castest away the vnderstanding of the prudent, and defeatest the executions of the malignant: therefore doe wee worship thee, and praise thy holy name, reioycing continually in thy strength and thy saluation, for thou art the glory of our power, and by thy fauor and louing kindnes are we preserued. Our shield and defence belongeth to thee (O Lord of hostes) and our gracious prince to thee, O thou holy one of Israel. Thou (O Lord) hast preserued her honor from the ignominy, her life from the cruelty, and her crowne from the tyranny of the wicked, her estate from ruine, her peace from disturbance, her kingdome and her people from being a pray to the malignant. The foot of pride hath come against vs, but the hand of iniquity hath not cast vs downe: Therefore doe we reioyce before thee, and be glad in thee, yea, our songs do we make of thy name, O thou most highest, and will be euer setting forth thy praise and thy glory, thy might, and thy mercy from one generation to another. Only, O Lord, forsake vs not in this time of our age, but giue courage and constancie to our Soueraigne to perseuere in perils: prudence & wisedome to her Councell, wisely to foresee and discouer the subtill sleights & dangers of all enemies: faithfulnesse and fortitude to the Nobles of the land, duty and obedience to vs all that are vnder her. Forgiue also, wee most humbly pray thee, through thy fatherly kindnesse in Iesus Christ,

the multitude of our sinnes, and transgressions against thy diuine Maiesty, and thy commandements, and according to the multitude of thy mercies doe away all our offences, that the light and candle of thy seruant Elizabeth our gracious Queene and Gouernour, which is our life in the light of thy countenance, and the breath of our nostrils, be not put out, but may still shine and burne bright, illumined by the beames of thy heauenly grace. Protect her (O Lord) wee still beseech thee in safetie, saue her in maiesty, keepe her in peace, guide her in counsell, and defend her in danger: blesse her, Lord, in all temporall and celestiall blessings in Christ, that shee may still blesse thee. Detect and reueale still the foundations and buildings of all treasons and conspiracies both at home and abroad, and heerein (O Lord) either conuert the wicked hearts and secret conceits from their wicked imaginations, or confound their deuices, and make them as the vntimely fruit that they neuer see the Sunne. Heare Lord, and saue vs, O King of heauen, when we call vpon thee, and so shall we all both Prince and people dwell still vnder the shadow of thy wings, protected by thy power, and preserued by thy prouidence, and ordered by thy gouernance, to thy euerlasting praise, and our vnspeakeable comfort in Iesus Christ, to whome with thee, O Father and God of all consolation, and the Holy Spirit of sanctification, be all honour and glory both now and for euer. Amen.

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MOst gracious God, which by thy worde appoyntedst man to rule thy other creatures, but in wisdome hast lifted vp Kings and Princes to commaund and rule men in their seuerall places: we the people of thy choyse, and the subiects of this land, heartily acknowledge thy especiall prouidence in annoynting ouer vs so gracious a Princesse, so carefull of thy glory, so religious in thy feare, so tender of our good, and yet so maligned and shot at by the enemies of thy Gospel, both forreine professed rebels, and homebome vnloyal and discontented runnagates, as were not thy mercy her shielde of defence, and thy power the sword of her reuenge, long since they had brought her life to the graue, and laid our honour in the dust: Of late especially hauing prepared and applied very neare the sacred body of her royall Maiestie a most deadly poyson, the purpose strangely thou didst reueale, and the practise mightily thou didst defeate: For which exceeding kindnesse, most louing Father, wee on our knees, and from our hearts doe giue thee thanks, and desire the assistance of thy grace for the amendment of our liues, and the repentance of our sinnes, which are more deadly then any poyson to infect vs, and more strong then any foe to ouerthrowe vs, and the only motiues of thy wrath against vs, which if thou canst not but execute vpon vs, our crying sinnes so calling for thy vengeance, yet gracious Lorde, enter not so farre in iust reuenge as to quench the light of our land, our most Soueraigne Queene, lest the enemies of thy Gospell,

her prosperitie, and our welfare take occasion thereby to triumph and say that thou hast forsaken vs, but rather, wee humbly beseech thee prosper her dayes and prolng her life, and renew her yeeres to the aduancement of thy glory, the amazement of the foe, and the establishing of our peace by Iesus Christ thy onely Sonne and our onely Sauiour. To whom, &c.

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ETernal God which createdst all men after thy likenesse, but hast aduanced Kings more like thy selfe in places of gouernment, and to that end hast both anoynted them with thy Holy oyle aboue others, and also layde a curse vpon them which touch thine anoynted: Wee render vnto thee, in all dutifull seruice most heartie thankes for thy continuall protection of our sacred Prince Queene Elizabeth, whom as thou hast many times heretofore preserued from dangerous attempts plotted against her by malignant wretches, either frustrating their counsels, or preuenting their executions, or reueiling their intentions: so of late most strangely thou hast kept her from a danger not onely intended, but practised; from a poyson not onely confected, but applyed very neere her; wherein as thou didst manifest thy power in quelling the Aspe and the Basiliske, qualifying the deadly force of that dreadfull compound, so didst thou shewe thy mercie vnto vs of this land, who, if the Sheepeheard of Israel had bene stroken, might bee either confusedly scatte-

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red, or cruelly massacred. Good Lord strike a sence of this thy powerful mercy into our hearts, from thence to fetch a sorrowfull sighing for our sinnes, an earnest desire of amendment, and most intire vnfained thanks to thee our gracious Preseruer: But those priests of Baal, the hellish Chapleines of Antechrist, accursed runnagates from their God and Prince, the bellowes and fuell of these flagrant conspiracies, confound them in thy wrath, since thy Grace wil not conuert them, and that which thy power cannot worke on them in defeating their enterprises, let thy fury performe in reuenge vpon their persons, the rather, O Lord, because that most blasphemously they abuse thy holy Word for the furtherance of their deuilish complots: But let our gratious Queene still raigne and rule in despight of Rome, and Rhemes, and Spaine and Hell, Preserue her gouernment ouer vs, vnite our hearts to her, continue both her and our thankefulnesse to thy selfe, which blessest vs dayly with so many benefites. Heare vs O Lord for Jesus Christ his sake.

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